

A replacement name for *Microphasma* Zompro, 1999.

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Abstract

Microphasma Zompro, 1999, a genus of Phasmatodea, is preoccupied by *Microphasma* Woltereck, 1909 (Crustacea). *Miniphasma* n.n. is introduced as a replacement name.

Key words

Phasmida, *Microphasma*, *Miniphasma*, replacement name.

Microphasma Zompro, 1999 (Phasmatodea: Diapheromeridae: Pachymorphinae: Pachymorphini) was introduced to contain two of the smallest phasmids. *Microphasma prima* Zompro, 1999, the type species of *Microphasma* Zompro, 1999 and *Microphasma secunda* Zompro, 1999 inhabit the highlands of Sri Lanka. Now it has come to the author's attention that *Microphasma* is preoccupied by *Microphasma* Woltereck, 1909, a genus of the Microphasmatidae Stephensen & Pirlot, 1931, a family of the Crustacea: Malacostraca. It comprises only the type species *Microphasma agassizi* Woltereck, 1909. Since *Microphasma* Woltereck, 1909 has priority, *Microphasma* Zompro, 1999 is replaced here by *Miniphasma* n.gen., with the type species *Microphasma prima* Zompro, 1999.



Figure 1. Holotype of *Microphasma prima* Zompro, 1999.

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